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Cotton: Acreage, Yield, and Production, by County, Tennessee 2006 and 2007

District & County	Acreage Planted		Acreage Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production 480 lbs. net weight	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Acres				Pounds		Bales	
Dyer	53,000	35,000	52,600	34,400	913	642	100,000	46,000
Lake	19,700	11,000	19,400	10,900	1,113	749	45,000	17,000
Lauderdale	60,000	44,000	59,500	43,700	1,008	659	125,000	60,000
Obion	5,300	3,500	5,200	3,500	923	603	10,000	4,400
Shelby	29,000	20,500	28,800	20,500	900	576	54,000	24,600
Tipton	69,000	51,000	68,500	51,000	981	593	140,000	63,000
District 10	236,000	165,000	234,000	164,000	972	629	474,000	215,000
Carroll	33,400	24,500	33,200	24,100	954	578	66,000	29,000
Chester	4,400	1	4,400	1	818	1	7,500	1
Crockett	77,000	59,000	76,500	58,000	985	546	157,000	66,000
Fayette	49,000	38,000	48,500	37,800	920	533	93,000	42,000
Gibson	56,000	46,000	55,800	45,500	972	517	113,000	49,000
Hardeman	23,000	14,700	23,000	14,700	877	509	42,000	15,600
Hardin	2,100	1	2,100	1	914	1	4,000	1
Haywood	119,000	96,000	118,000	95,500	936	538	230,000	107,000
Henderson	4,600	1	4,600	1	908	1	8,700	1
Henry	1,000	1	1,000	1	864	1	1,800	1
McNairy	9,200	1	9,200	1	835	1	16,000	1
Madison	48,000	34,000	47,400	33,600	942	500	93,000	35,000
Weakley	5,300	1,300	5,300	1,300	906	554	10,000	1,500
Other ¹	---	14,500	---	14,500	---	626	---	18,900
District 20	432,000	328,000	429,000	325,000	942	538	842,000	364,000
Giles	2,200	1	2,200	1	764	1	3,500	1
Lincoln	19,400	12,800	19,400	12,400	767	422	31,000	10,900
Rutherford	3,800	1	3,800	1	859	1	6,800	1
Other ^{1 2}	100	3,500	100	3,200	960	615	200	4,100
District 40	25,500	16,300	25,500	15,600	781	462	41,500	15,000
Franklin	5,300	1	5,300	1	788	1	8,700	1
Other ¹	400	1	400	1	840	1	700	1
District 50	5,700	1	5,700	1	792	1	9,400	1
Other ¹	800	5,700	800	5,400	660	533	1,100	6,000
State Total	700,000	515,000	695,000	510,000	945	565	1,368,000	600,000

¹ Unlisted counties combined with "Other" counties. ² Includes District 30 where no individual counties are published.

Chicken & Eggs: All layers in the U.S. on June 1, 2008 totaled 340 million, down slightly from last year. The 340 million layers consisted of 280 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.0 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.79 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on June 1, 2008, averaged 71.7 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from June 1, 2007.

**Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Selected States
and United States, During May 2007 and 2008**

Selected States	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 or more		All Layers ¹		Eggs per 100 for All Layers ¹	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	Thousands				Number	
Alabama	1,136	1,273	9,183	9,502	1,906	1,926
Arkansas	4,318	3,651	14,363	14,036	1,991	1,952
Georgia	9,397	8,931	19,246	18,685	2,058	2,050
North Carolina	4,285	4,965	12,255	12,587	2,089	2,089
All Other States ²	257,810	255,962	287,422	285,509	2,265	2,266
United States	276,946	274,782	342,469	340,319	2,226	2,226

¹ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size. ² Tennessee is included in all other states total.

Milk: Milk production in the 23 major States during May totaled 15.4 billion pounds, up 3.4 percent from May 2007. April revised production at 14.8 billion pounds, was up 2.6 percent from April 2007. The April revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,816 pounds for May, 25 pounds above May 2007.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.46 million head, 162,000 head more than May 2007, and 12,000 head more than April 2008.

Livestock Slaughter: Cattle slaughter totaled 3.14 million head, up 3 percent from May 2007. The average live weight was up 19 pounds from the previous year, at 1,251 pounds. Calf slaughter totaled 71,100 head, up 21 percent from May 2007. The average live weight was down 74 pounds from last year, at 275 pounds. Hog kill totaled 9.06 million head, up 3 percent from May 2007. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 268 pounds. Sheep slaughter totaled 206,400 head, 6 percent below last year. The average live weight was 146 pounds, up 4 pounds from May a year ago.

Livestock Slaughter¹: Tennessee & United States, May 2007 and 2008

Species	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
Tennessee						
Cattle	1.8	2.2	1,672	1,980	927	906
Calves	0.1	0.1	46	28	471	453
Hogs	47.7	46.3	22,722	22,365	477	484
Sheep & lambs	1.0	0.9	80	64	79	71
United States						
Cattle	3,051.4	3,139.7	3,748,224	3,916,945	1,232	1,251
Calves	58.9	71.1	20,466	19,379	349	275
Hogs	8,761.5	9,062.7	2,353,328	2,426,413	269	268
Sheep & lambs	218.5	206.4	30,978	29,975	142	146

¹ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other commercial slaughter (excludes farm slaughter).

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Corn: Two percent of the acreage was at or beyond the silking stage, 2 points behind last year and the 5-year average for this date. Development was most advanced in Texas where 56 percent was at or beyond the silking stage. A few fields entered the silking stage in Kansas and Tennessee. Excessive moisture in the southern Corn Belt continued to delay development. Lack of precipitation and cooler than average temperatures delayed development in Tennessee and North Carolina. Nationwide, 59 percent of the crop was rated good to excellent, 2 points higher than last week.

Soybeans: Growers had planted 91 percent of their acreage, compared with 97 percent last year and 96 percent for the 5-year average. Emergence, at 82 percent complete, was 12 points behind last year and 11 points behind normal. Two percent of the acreage was at or beyond the blooming stage, 3 points behind last year and 2 points behind normal. Nearly one-fifth of Illinois' crop was planted during the week but progress remained behind normal. Planting was complete in Michigan, North Dakota, and Ohio, and was nearly complete in Louisiana, Minnesota, and Mississippi. Planting was ahead of normal in Louisiana, Michigan, North Carolina, North Dakota, and Ohio, but was at or behind schedule in all other soybean-producing States. Nearly one-fourth of Kentucky's acreage emerged during the week, and development progressed rapidly in Illinois and South Dakota. Emergence was complete in Ohio. In Missouri, excessive moisture kept emergence in Missouri at 52 percent compared with 84 percent last year and 87 percent for the 5-year average. Nearly half of Louisiana's acreage and three-fifths of Mississippi's acreage was at or beyond the blooming stage, ahead of the 5-year average. Elsewhere, 4 percent or less of the crop had reached blooming. Overall, 57 percent of the crop was rated good to excellent, a slight improvement from the previous week.

Cotton: Twenty-eight percent of the acreage was at or beyond the squaring stage and 6 percent was setting bolls. Fields reaching or exceeding the squaring stage trailed last year's pace and the 5-year average. Squaring in Tennessee was 2 weeks behind due to cooler than average temperatures and early-season planting delays. Delays were evident in all cotton-producing States when compared with normal except in North Carolina, Kansas, and Arizona. Nationally, boll setting was slightly behind last year and the 5-year average.

NASS to Take Steps to Assess Crop Acres in Flood Areas

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) is taking several steps to strengthen data on 2008 crop acreage, yield and production in response to the extraordinary rainfall in the Midwest.

NASS will release the 2008 Acreage report as scheduled on June 30 at 8:30 a.m. EDT. However, NASS collected most of the acreage data during the first two weeks of June, before the majority of the flooding occurred. In the Acreage report, NASS will use standard procedures to estimate planted area. But in an effort to more accurately determine how much of the planted area will actually be harvested for grain, NASS will re-interview producers during the week of June 23 in affected areas of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin. This will provide additional information about producers' harvesting intentions for corn, soybeans and sorghum.

Since some producers may be difficult to contact or may still be assessing their options, NASS also plans to conduct a more extensive update of planted and harvested acreage in July. This information will be reflected in the August 12 Crop Production report.

Farmers Encouraged to Apply for TAEP Funding

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Department of Agriculture has begun accepting applications for the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program. Applicants are encouraged to reach out to their county UT Extension agent for application information or the department at toll-free 800-342-8206. Most applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis and should be filled out accurately and postmarked beginning June 2.

"We expect to be able to put a substantial amount of money on the ground this year to help farmers make improvements in their farming operations," said state Agriculture Commissioner Ken Givens. "Despite some budget reductions, funding for core Ag Enhancement programs remains available. Because of expected high demand, it is important that producers apply timely and accurately." Through TAEP, farmers can qualify for 35 or 50 percent cost share ranging from \$1,200 to \$15,000 on a variety of projects. This year, TAEP has added Grain Storage as a new cost share opportunity and expanded the Livestock Equipment and Handling Facilities, Hay Storage and Livestock Feed Storage opportunities. The Livestock Feed Storage cost share now includes funds for cattle, goats, sheep, poultry and swine, while the Livestock Equipment and Handling Facilities and the Hay Storage cost share includes funds for cattle, goats and sheep.

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